performance Budget of the Ministry copies of which were placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir. Few of these drugs are being imported to supplement the demand in the country.

(c) Details of imports are published in the Monthly Statistics for Foreign Trade in India Vol. II, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Private Sector Response for Participation in Power Sector

120. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a Government proposal to pursuade the private sector to participate in the electricity generating industry;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions set for the purpose;

(c) what has been the response of the private sector to Government's proposal; and

(d) in case the response of the private sector to the Government proposal has not been encouraging, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government contemplate to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The policy with regard to the generation and distribution of electricity is regulated by the Industrial Policy Regulation of 1956 which does not preclude the expansion of existing privately owned utilities or the establishment of new units in the private sector when the national interests so require. Since 1984, approval has been accorded to proposals in respect of new/replacement generating capacity, adding upto 1254 MW, in the private utilities. To further encourage private sector participation in power generation, Government consituted a Working Group to examine the modalities of such participation. The report of the Working Group is under examination.

Rural Electrification Scheme in Bihar

121. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and tube-wells in Bihar which have not been supplied electricity so far;

(b) the number of villages in Bihar affected by power shortage;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to sanction rural electrification schemes forwarded to them by the State Government on priority basis; and

(d) if so, the time by which these schemes will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Out of a total number of 67566 inhabited villages (as per 1971 census) in Bihar, 38834 villages have been electrified as on 31-5-1987 leaving a balance of 28732 villages which are yet to be electrified.

Out of the estimated potential of 10,00,000 pump sets in the State; 216361 pump sets have been energised as on 31-5-1987 leaving a balance potential of 781639 pump sets.

(b) The supply of power to various consumers is decided by the State authorities depending upon